

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 6, 2005**

President Perna began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. held at Freedom Hill County Park.

In Attendance:

James M. Perna, President
Gasper Salerno, Vice-President
Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Fran Gillett
Anthony J. Lipinski
Peter J. Lund
Timothy M. Malone
Dolores Thomas, representing Anthony Marrocco
Marvin E. Sauger
Betty Slinde

Excused:

Dino F. Bucci Jr., Sgt. At Arms

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, Sharon Quinn, and Dave Humbyrd, County Parks & Recreation;
Jim Meyerand, Ass't Corporation Counsel; Kevin Cassidy, Hank Riberas, Cindy Victors, Tom
Wickersham and Mike Carns, Hillside Prod; Robert Grzanka, Internal Audit

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH REVISIONS: UNDER OLD BUSINESS ADD B. INDEPENDENCE HALL IMPROVEMENTS REQUEST AND REMOVE 8B, C & G NEWSPAPER MAILING, AND REPLACE WITH JEROME DUNCAN FORD USED CAR SALE REQUEST. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fran Parker of Sterling Heights asked if the Commission knows about the groups scheduled to perform at the concert venue and how will the expanded schedule of concerts affect Sheriff's security.

George Parker asked for more information on who will collect parking and labor charges involved and parking rebates. Mr. Parker further commented all commission members should be agents for the county and its residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY SLINDE WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES ON THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2005 AND SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 22, 2005. MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Casasanta reported grounds revenue will start coming in next month and there were no major expenses.

Commissioner Malone asked about the security services budget. Mr. Casasanta explained Sheriff's services is paid out of security service line item and part-timers paid out of extra hire line item and commented approximately \$1,500 is for security services per concert.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY LIPINSKI TO APPROVE THE BUDGET REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Casasanta reported on his letter of support for trail development within Stoney Creek Metro Park that would link the Paint Creek Trail to the Macomb Orchard Trail. Mr. Casasanta referenced the memo from Robert Grzanka of Macomb County Internal Audit regarding the parking and advertising revenues for the 2004 season.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SALERNO, SUPPORTED BY SLINDE TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

2004 Parking Recap

Mr. Wickersham of Hillside Productions showed a slide presentation on gross parking and collection costs over the last four years. The average cost of collection was 9.5% a year and has been consistent based on collection of total parking. Mr. Wickersham pointed out that over the last four years Hillside has paid \$175,000 to collect parking. The County has paid in \$3,482 after a \$56,000, parking labor deduction from \$513,000 total parking revenues. In 2002 a system change was done in an effort to get parking off the streets with a \$3.00 parking fee added per concert ticket and based on this change revenue went from \$356,000 to \$491,000. Mr. Grzanka conducts auditing each year on all daily tickets. Mr. Wickersham stated that monthly payments of \$10,467 are processed to the County for parking revenue.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Malone suggested that in the future the recap report should reflect how many cars are parked for festivals and how many for concerts.

Commissioner Lund asked what type of fringe benefits are 25%. Hillside responded these costs are payroll taxes and worker's compensation.

Commissioner Lipinski asked Mr. Meyerand what should have been done per the contract regards to collection of parking. Mr. Meyerand stated this Commission has never agreed to pay Hillside for collection of parking. Hillside has never charged the County for parking since they started collecting. Mr. Meyerand stated items have come up before this commission that have never been discussed that is why these kinds of issues need to be in writing.

Mr. Grzanka explained his memo that the County would have received \$3,482 if the parking labor deduction was not made and per the contract this deduction was never mentioned. It is up to the Commission whether or not to accept this deduction.

Mr. Casasanta explained that if we collect for parking it would cost about \$1,200 per event day.

Mr. Cassidy clarified to the Commission and Corporation Counsel that there is no intention to change the \$3.00 facility fee that is added to the price of concert tickets. It is in everyone's best interest to have it remain on tickets that are sold for the concerts.

Mr. Meyerand stated first, the Commission has not determined whether or not to accept Hillside's deduction for parking labor costs, secondly the existing contract says we collect parking fees, it doesn't say we will charge labor costs back to Hillside.

Commissioner Klein **called for the question.**

MOTION WAS MADE BY SALERNO, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER ALLOWING HILLSIDE TO COLLECT PARKING FEES THIS SEASON AND TO REQUEST CORPORATION COUNSEL AMEND THE AGREEMENT ALLOWING HILLSIDE TO COLLECT PARKING AND DRAW UP AN AGREEMENT REGARDS TO PARKING LABOR COSTS AND THAT SAID AGREEMENT COME BACK FOR PARK COMMISSION APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Casasanta made a **point of information** that our first event is May 1, 2005.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LUND, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO, TO KEEP THE \$3.00 PARKING FACILITY FEE AT \$3.00 ON CONCERT TICKETS FOR THIS SEASON. MOTION CARRIED.

Independence Hall - Hillside's Improvements Request

Commissioner Sauger motioned for Hillside to use the building pending approval from the County Facilities and Operations.

Commissioner Lund made a **point of order** on the motion.

Mr. Meyerand clarified to the Commission by reading the motion of the Special Commission Minutes of March 22, 2005 relative to the request for building improvements.

No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Jerome Duncan Ford Used Car Sale Request

Mr. Kuszpit requested to rent the park grounds to conduct a used car sale to the general public May 18-21, 2005.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SALERNO, SUPPORTED BY THOMAS TO APPROVE THE JEROME DUNCAN FORD USED CAR SALE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 18-21, 2005 AND RENTAL RATE AGREEMENT WITH NO PARKING FEES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARK ADMINISTRATOR. MOTION CARRIED.

2005 Summer Fun Brochure & C & G Newspaper Mailing

Ms. Moro presented the summer brochure and plans to do inserts in the C & G Newspaper that will cover Sterling Heights, Warren, Center Line, Eastpointe, Clinton Township, Roseville and Fraser.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LIPINSKI, SUPPORTED BY THOMAS, TO APPROVE THE 2005 SUMMER FUN PARK BROCHURE WITH REVISIONS AS PRESENTED BY TRACEY MORO AND DISTRIBUTE THROUGHOUT C & G NEWSPAPERS. MOTION CARRIED.

Polish Festival Rebate and Harley Fest Rebate Requests

The Polish Festival submitted a written request for the festival parking fee of \$7.00 with a \$2.00 rebate. Harley Fest has also submitted a written request for a parking fee of \$8.00 with a \$3.00 rebate.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SALERNO, SUPPORTED BY LIPINSKI TO APPROVE THE POLISH FESTIVAL REQUEST FOR \$7.00 PARKING FEE AND REBATE OF \$2.00 AND APPROVE THE HARLEY FEST REQUEST FOR \$8.00 PARKING FEE AND REBATE OF \$3.00. THE COMMISSION ALSO REQUESTS THAT THESE REBATES BE REFLECTED BY HILLSIDE ON THE 2005 PARKING CAP SUMMARY. MOTION CARRIED.

H.O.P.E. Cantron Cancer Support Group Request

Mr. Casasanta presented the written request from Mr. Sinnamon of the non-profit H.O.P.E. Cantron Cancer Support Group organization to hold monthly meetings at the Park.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY LIPINSKI TO APPROVE MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE HOPE CANTRON CANCER SUPPORT GROUP AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARK ADMINISTRATOR. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER

President Perna requested several commissioners attend a meeting on April 11, at 1:30 p.m. at the Park to discuss the request for building improvements.

Mr. Casasanta commented that MIS will hook up the T-1 line so the Park can be connected to the County Intranet System.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY THOMAS, SUPPORTED BY SLINDE. MOTION CARRIED.

President Perna adjourned the Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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